

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and, possibly, a violation of Federal election laws.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their profit margin and political views and less of the unbiased information needed for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I strongly urge you to investigate this issue and rule against this unethical and biased use of our airwaves. Of course, time is of the essence.

Thank you.